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PROBLEMS

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1. CHIEF OMANGOV ADVISOR ON THE ENVIRONMENT, A BRITISH
EXPATRIATE NAMED RALPH DALY, IS PRESENTLY ON LEAVE AND
WILL NOT RETURN TO OMAN UNTIL LATE AUGUST. COMMERCE MIN-
ISTRY OFFICIALS WHO DEAL WITH ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS IN
DALY'S ABSENCE ARE NOT BERY KNOWLEDGEABLE, AND WE DO
NOT BELIEVE THAT OAKLEY VISIT TO OMAN NEXT MONTH WOULD
BE FRUITFUL.

2. CURRENT OMANGOV ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING IS IN RUDI-
MENTARY STAGE, WITH PRINCIPAL OMANI CONCERNS INVOLVING
OIL SPILLS AND OTHER FORMS OF MARINE POLLUTION. OMAN
PORT AUTHORITY CONTINUES TO SHOW SOME INTEREST IN POLLUTION
CONTROL TRAINING FOR OMANIS; IF THIS TRAINING PROGRAM
IS FURTHER DEVELOPED, AN EPA OFFICIAL MIGHT WISH TO
VISIT OMAN IN 1977. (INCIDENTALLY, WILCOX HAS BEEN
REPLACED AT PORT QABOOS AND HAS LEFT OMAN.)
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